

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 251

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joseph T. Walker, Jr., of Surgoinsville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Joseph T. Walker, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, following the patriotic tradition for which the Volunteer State is renowned, Mr. Walker enlisted in the United States Navy and served with courage and conviction during World War II, defending his country in battles at Normandy, southern France, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, Joseph Walker served with acumen and alacrity as an employee at the National Institutes of Health, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker was a dedicated civic leader who distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his work with numerous organizations, including service as a member of the Forest City Lodge No. 381 A.F. & A.M. in Forest City, North Carolina, the Hasson Chapter No. 179 Order of the Eastern Star, and the American Legion Post #105 in Bethesda, Maryland, where he was instrumental in forming the American Legion baseball program. He also held the distinction of being a Shriner and a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Scottish Rite Mason; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker was an active and devout member of the Rogersville First United Methodist Church, which he faithfully served for many years; and

WHEREAS, Joseph T. Walker, Jr., was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph T. Walker, Sr., and Mamie Lowdermilk Walker, his four sisters, and two of his brothers; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Walker is survived by his beloved wife of sixty-six years, Margaret A. Walker; his daughters and son-in-law, Patricia Jean Williams and Catherine and John Newport; his sons and daughter-in-law, Joseph T. Walker III and Pamela Walker and William C. Walker; his brother and sister-in-law, Charles M. and Jane Walker; his twelve grandchildren, his six great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends, family, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Joseph T. Walker, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Walker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.